

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

HANS MOKE NIEMANN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SVEN MAGNUS ØEN CARLSEN A/K/A
MAGNUS CARLSEN; PLAY MAGNUS AS,
D/B/A PLAY MAGNUS GROUP;
CHESS.COM, LLC; DANIEL RENSCH A/K/A
“DANNY” RENSCH; AND HIKARU
NAKAMURA,

Defendants.

Case No: 4:22-cv-01110-AGF

Hon. Audrey G. Fleissig

DEFENDANT MAGNUS CARLSEN’S NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

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Defendant Magnus Carlsen submits this Notice of Supplemental Authority to apprise the Court of two recent decisions issued after briefing on his pending Motion to Dismiss the Second Amended Complaint Under Connecticut General Statutes Section 52-196a and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) concluded. *See Smith v. Supple*, 346 Conn. 928 (Conn. 2023) (attached as Exhibit A); *Pryor v. Brignole*, 292 A.3d 701 (Conn. 2023) (attached as Exhibit B).

These decisions, issued by the Connecticut Supreme Court on May 2, 2023, are pertinent to the arguments advanced by the parties in relation to that fully briefed Motion. *See, e.g.*, ECF No. 82 at 11–18; ECF No. 108 at 7–9, 15–19; ECF No. 110 at 2–5, 8–9; *see also Supple*, 346 Conn. at 946 (explaining that Connecticut’s anti-SLAPP statute is “substantive” in that it confers “a right to avoid costly and burdensome litigation on the merits”).

Dated: June 9, 2023

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 9, 2023, the foregoing was filed electronically using the CM/ECF system which will automatically provide notice to all attorneys of record by electronic means.

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